

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 12 with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention is directed to a trailer 10 as illustrated in the accompanying Figures. The trailer 10 is particularly adapted to transport to a location a shipping container. The trailer 10 of the present invention allows transportation, dropping off and picking up of a container in areas where specialised equipment such as cranes, etc. is not present. In a preferred embodiment of the invention, the trailer 10 can be used on site in a field where harvesting is being performed. Without the trailer 10 of the present invention, the container cannot be located *in situ*.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 20 with the following amended paragraph:

In general terms, the trailer 10 of the present invention has a generally U-shape as illustrated in Figure 1(b), which is a top view of the trailer 10. At predetermined locations on the frame 11 of the trailer 10, i.e. the four corners, lifting members 30 are located which are adapted to engage the holes or lifting points 20 provided on a container 90 and to lift the same off the ground by a sufficient amount (approximately 30 cm to 120 cm or about 12-48 inches). The trailer 10 is also provided with wheels 13 or endless tracks so that it may be moved once the container 90 has been loaded or unloaded.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 28 with the following amended paragraph:

Referring now specifically to Figs. 4(a) – 4(c), there is shown the trailer 10 according to a preferred embodiment. The trailer 10 consists of a generally U-shaped frame 11, provided with wheels 13 on each side of the frame 11. In the illustrated embodiment, the wheel set 13 consists of a walking axle 24, but any other arrangement of wheels 13 will meet the objects of the present invention.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

As can be appreciated, the frame 11 is shaped and sized to receive a container 90 therein, as better shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The container 90 is equipped, as is standard in the industry, with lifting holes 20 located at each corner of the container 90. These holes 20 are generally located approximately 10 cm (4 inches) below the top of the container 90.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 10 with the following amended paragraph:

In a preferred embodiment, the trailer 10 is provided with vertical beams 15 which are located on the trailer 10 so as to be proximate the lifting holes 20 of the container 90. The front beams 15 are interconnected with a top cross member 17 and the rear beams 15 are interconnected with another top cross member 19. The cross ~~beams-members~~ 17, and 19 serve to increase the stability of the trailer 10.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 16 with the following amended paragraph:

Within each beam 15 is located a lifting member 30, which consists of a hydraulic cylinder 31 movable between an extended position (right hand side of Fig. 5) and a retracted position (left hand side of Fig. 5).

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 20 with the following amended paragraph:

At the top of the cylinder 31 is located a lifting hook 33. The lifting hook 33 is inwardly biased, so that lifting hooks 33 on the right hand side of the trailer 10, when looking at the same from the rear are biased in a counter-clockwise direction, and the lifting hooks 33 on the left hand side of the trailer 10 are biased in a clockwise direction (see the arrows on Fig. 5). Preferably, a stop 35 is provided so that motion of the lifting ~~finger-hook~~ 33 is limited in the direction of bias.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

When the lifting member 30 is in the retracted position, as shown on the left hand side of Fig. 5, the lifting hook 33 is located within the beam 15. This effectively “hides” the lifting hook 33, and provides the necessary clearance between the beams 15 and the container so that the trailer 10 can be backed up to surround the container 90, or moved forward to clear the container 90.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 7 with the following amended paragraph:

When the container is ready to be picked up, as shown in Fig. 1, the container 90 fits snugly within the opening defined by the U-shaped trailer 10, and the beams 15, and consequently the lifting members 30, are located proximate the corresponding lifting hole 20 on the container 90.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 12 with the following amended paragraph:

The hydraulic cylinders 31 are then extended. When the lifting ~~finger~~hook 33 reaches the bottom end 39 of the longitudinal slot 37, it extends out of the beam 15. Preferably, this position is just below the lifting hole 20 on the container 90, to allow the ~~finger~~lifting hook 33 to properly deploy.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 17 with the following amended paragraph:

As the cylinder 31 is further extended, the lifting ~~finger~~hook 33 engages the lifting hole 20 of the container 90, and gradually lifts the container 90 off the ground, until the top of the container 90 reaches the bottom of the top cross members 17, 19. Thus, the length of the slot 37 essentially corresponds to the distance the container 90 will be lifted off the ground.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 23 with the following amended paragraph:

This is better shown in Fig. 2, showing the container 90 lifted off the ground and ready for transport.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 26 with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 3 schematically illustrates the hydraulic circuit for the trailer 10. One important aspect is that the four cylinders 31 extend and retract substantially at the same rate, to prevent buckling of the trailer 10.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 30 with the following amended paragraph:

As is usual, the frame 11 is provided with means, such as a fifth wheel 26, to attach the trailer 10 to a tractor 22.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

In another preferred embodiment, the trailer 10 is further provided with a gate 100 at a rear end thereof, in order to further increase the stability of the trailer 10, particularly one that has been loaded, and to compensate for torsion loads.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

Consequently, the trailer 10 can be used to drop and pick-up a container 90 in a particular location. When the container 90 is ready to be moved, the trailer 10 is approached to the container 90, the frame 11 is made to engage the holes 20 and the container 90 is lifted off the ground and driven away.